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For:	AN ARRANGEMENT IN A MECHANICAL SHAFT SEAL		

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed September 1, 2009, the due date for which is extended to January 1, 2010, by a request for a one month extension of time and payment of the requisite fee, please reconsider the patentability of the pending claims based on the following remarks.

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